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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.  
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SUBJECT: **COLLEGE OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH  
ACCREDITATION**

I am pleased to announce that the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), part of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), has reaffirmed accreditation of our County of Los Angeles College of Nursing and Allied Health (CONAH) after determining that the College substantially meets or exceeds the eligibility requirements, accreditation standards, and Commission policies.

The College Provost, Nancy Miller, RN, EdD, has informed me that the ACCJC/WASC "visit team" commended CONAH for five particularly noteworthy areas:

- 1) Board of Trustees for persistent engagement in reviewing and approving the College's mission, goals, and processes that affect the College's learning programs, financial stability, accreditation, self-evaluation development, and institutional improvement; and for the Board's vigorous commitment to the mission by ensuring graduates have a quality education that enables them to become vital contributors to Los Angeles County health care institutions; and
- 2) Dedicated, committed, and responsive faculty and staff. Students consistently reported positive interactions with faculty and staff; and willingness to assist students in ways that surpass their expectations; and
- 3) Research capacity and using data to strongly support planning and evaluation processes, particularly in regards to student learning outcomes; and
- 4) Extraordinary clinical sites that create a nursing education program that prepares graduates to immediately function as professional nurses and take on leadership roles in a very short period of time; and
- 5) Instilling a sense of institutional pride and tradition for employees, students, and the public, as exemplified by retaining and displaying class graduation photographs dating back to the early 1920s.

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The Accrediting Commission made only three recommendations:

- A. Planning & Decision Making: Document the planning, governance, and decision-making processes to improve clarity about the College's structure, function and linkages; and
- B. Planning & Communication: Conduct regular analyses and evaluation of the planning, governance, and decision-making processes; and
- C. Technology: Develop and implement a technology plan that includes regular and ongoing assessment of equipment, software, and training needs and an equipment replacement plan.

The faculty, staff and administration at CONAH have worked very hard to satisfy all accreditation requirements, and they will continue to work diligently to provide the highest quality of education possible through the next regularly scheduled accreditation visit in 2018-19.

Please join me in congratulating CONAH on a good job educating our future nurses and allied health professionals in Los Angeles County.

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c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors